

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-16 are pending and stand rejected. In this response claims 1, 3-4, 7 and 10-14 are amended and claim 2 is cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-16 are presented for reconsideration.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives during the telephone interview of May 4, 2009. During the interview, amended claim 1, as provided herein, was discussed. It was agreed that the combination of cited prior art references do not meet the limitations of amended claim 1. It was further agreed by the Examiner that filing of amended claim 1 as part of a Request for Continued Examination would not result in the issuance of a first action final rejection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action sets forth at page 2 "claims 2, 7 and 10-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite ...". The rejection of claim 2 is moot in view of its cancellation and the rejection of claims 7 and 14 are overcome by the amendments incorporated herein. Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that the rejection of claims 7 and 10-16 be withdrawn.

Prior Art Rejections

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al. Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Kojima et al. These rejections are updated by the incorporation of the features of claim 2 into claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 and 5 are rejected as being unpatentable over Kwon. Claims 2, 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kwon in further view of Mills and Bowers. Claim 4 is rejected as being unpatentable over Kwon and in further view of Seiki. Claim 6 is rejected as being unpatentable over Kwon and in further view of Nagai. Claim 7 is rejected as being unpatentable over Kwon in further view of Nagai and in further view of Egawa. Claim 8 is rejected as being unpatentable over Kwon in further view of Nagai and in further view of Hannibal.

Claim 9 is rejected as being unpatentable over Kwon in further view of Nagai and in further view of Yamazaki. Claim 11 is rejected as being unpatentable over Kwon in view of Mills in view of Bowers and further in view of Seiki. Claim 13 is rejected as being unpatentable over Kwon in view of Mills in view of Bowers in view of Nagai. Claims 14-16 are rejected as being unpatentable over Kwon in view of Mills in view of Bowers in view of Nagai in combination with one of Egawa, Hannibal or Yamazaki.

As mentioned above, it was agreed during the telephone interview of May 4, 2009, that the features of Applicants' claim 1, as amended, is not disclosed in the prior art of record. Specifically, a blended oil formed of a plurality of component oils where a first component oil includes a first characteristic having a boiling point at 350° C or over which is not less than 10% and not higher than 30% in volume ratio, and a second component oil includes a characteristic having a boiling point at 300° C or less which is not less than 50% and not higher than 70% in volume ratio, is not disclosed or suggest by the prior art of record, either singly or in any combination. Applicants respectfully request therefore withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claim 1 and dependant claims 3-16.

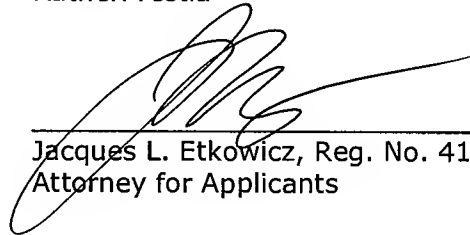
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In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants submit that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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